

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, dated March 24, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority and that Applicants' amendments to the drawings overcame the previous objection. Claims 1-18 were pending in this application. The Examiner objected to claims 1-18, withdrew the rejection of claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, allowed claims 1-7, rejected claims 8-11 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) with the arguments of record in the first Office Action, and objected to claim 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this amendment, Applicants propose to cancel claims 8, 10-11, and 15 without prejudice and rewrite claim 12 as an independent claim including all limitations of the rejected base claim and all intervening claims. Applicants propose amending claims 9 and 13 to depend from amended claim 12. Applicants also propose amending claims 14, 16, 17, and 18 to incorporate language reciting the subject matter of previously dependent claim 12. Applicants also propose to add new claims 19 and 20, dependent from claim 14 and directed to the same subject matter as claims 9 and 13. In the previous Amendment and Response, Applicants intended to delete the characters and words in double brackets, in addition to deleting the words with strike-out through them. The listing of claims as included above reflects the previous amendments, when examined with that understanding. Thus Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims, 1-7, 9, 12-14, and 16-20 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

While Applicants thank the Examiner for the statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-7 and claim 12, Applicants wish to make clear that the preamble of method

of claim 12 recites "a method for communication with a database system", and not "a method for a database system to support multiple application systems," and the preamble of claims 1-7 does not indicate that the computer system is limited to any specific purpose, let alone the specific purpose of supporting multiple application systems as some might otherwise have construed the Examiner's statement to mean.

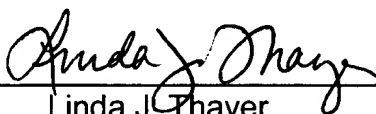
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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